

REMARKS

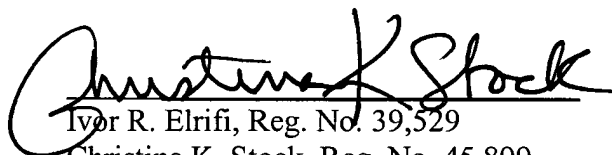
Claims 13-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 and 23-26 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 1-12 and 23-26 in a divisional application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. These documents are due on or before November 28, 2003. Please charge any payments or credit any overpayments of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 21402-290C (Cura-590C).

Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina K. Stock", is written over a horizontal line.

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